किए गए परेषणों की जांच करने की अनुमति प्रदान करने का अनुरोध किया गया था।

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को इस आशय का उत्तर भेज दिया गया था कि सिटी बुकिंग एजेंसियों को ऐसे अनुदेश दे रखे हैं कि वे यह सुनिश्चित करें कि अग्रेषक नोट में परेषणों के पूर्ण ब्यौरे सहित नाम और पते विधिवत रूप से भरे जाएं और परेषणों की बुकिंग के लिए स्वीकार करने से पहले उनकी जांच की जाए।

यह भी स्पष्ट कर दिया गया था कि रेलों को ये अनुदेश भी दे रखे हैं कि अग्रेषित नोट और अन्य संबद्ध दस्तावेजों से सूचना प्राप्त कराने में प्राधिकृत बिक्रीकर पदाधिकारियों को यथासंभव सहयोग प्रदान करें।

(ग) जी नहीं।

Loan by Indian Railway Finance Corporation to Railways

3488. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railway Finance Corporation has loaned Rs. 470 crores to help railways overcome their liquidity crunch;

(b) whether.it is also a fact that this is against the articles of Association of IRFC;

(c) in what manner Government propose to adjust this loan amount; and

(d) what are the repayment modalities and duration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No loan has been given by Indian Railway Finance Corporation to Railways.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Conversion work of Rajkot-Veraval M.G. Line

3489. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the gauge conversion work of Rajkot-Veraval M.G. Railway line will be taken up;

(b) within what period the work is likely to be completed;

(c) what is the present position of project of gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veraval M.G. Railway line into B.G.;

(d) whether proposals for opening of new divisions in Western Railways are pending with Government; and

(e) what is the criteria adopted in acceptance of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Rajkot-Veraval Gauge Conversion Project has been included in Phase-I of Project UNIGAUGE taken up by the Indian Railways. The work will be taken up in the coming years subject to availability of resources.

(d) and (e) Requests had been received in the past for setting up of new divisions on Western Railway. New Railway divisions are set up taking into considertion the size, workload, growth and pattern of traffic and other operational requirements of the existing divisions consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. Prevailing financial constraints however, preclude the possibility of creating any new division for the present.

Curtailment of Staff in COFMOW

3490. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether retrenchment of staff in Central Organisation for Modernisation of Railway Workshops is being made;